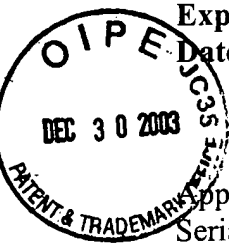


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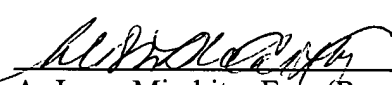
Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following documents:

- ☒ Response to Office Action Dated September 30, 2003; and
- ☒ Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at 617-542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 17549-110. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2003, please consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.